

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings on S. 869, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, receiving testimony from Raymond W. Smith, Bell Atlantic Corporation, Arlington, Virginia; Thomas J. Grote, Donatos Pizza, Columbus, Ohio; Kendall Hamilton, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and David N. Horowitz, Phoenix, Arizona.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 109, authorizing funds to make block grants on behalf of Native Hawaiians to carry out affordable housing activities in Hawaii and provide the grant

amounts directly to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1079, to permit the leasing of mineral rights, in any case in which the Indian owners of an allotment that is located within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and held trust by the United States have executed leases to more than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that allotment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 156, to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, with an amendment; and

H.R. 79, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Six Rivers National Forest in the State of California for the benefit of the Hoopa Valley Tribe.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2707–2728; 2 private bills, H.R. 2706, 2729; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 276, 279, were introduced. **Pages H9501–02**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1493, to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States, amended (H. Rept. 105–338);

H.R. 2265, to amend the provisions of titles 17 and 18, United States Code, to provide greater copyright protection by amending criminal copyright infringement provisions, amended (H. Rept. 105–339);

Conference report on H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Rept. 105–340);

H.R. 2621, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements, amended (H. Rept. 105–341 Part 1);

H. Res. 277, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–342); and

H. Res. 278, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military person-

nel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Rept. 105–343). **Pages H9076–H9464, H9500–01**

Journal: By a ye and nay vote of 364 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 321, agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, October 22.

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Ceremony Honoring Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope:

The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 56, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the ceremony honoring Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope by conferring upon him the status of an honorary veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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Sponsor of Molinari Measure: Agreed by unanimous consent that Representative Kelly be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 616, to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer, coverage for reconstructive surgery following mastectomies, and coverage for secondary consultations, a bill originally introduced by Representative Molinari, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints.

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Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools:

By a ye and nay vote of 230 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 524, the House passed H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary

school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts.

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Rejected:

The Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to increase the volume cap on bonds for public school construction and rehabilitation to \$4 billion (rejected by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 523). Pages H9067–75

The House agreed to H. Res. 274, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 287 yeas to 135 nays, Roll No. 522. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in Part 1 of H. Rept. 105–336, the report accompanying the rule was considered as adopted.

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 276, relating to a question of the privileges of the House did constitute a question of privilege and was in order. By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 222 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 525, the House failed to agree to the resolution.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9047, H9055–56, H9075, H9075–76, and H9473. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW—USDA ACCOUNTABILITY AND EQUITY ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review H.R. 2185, USDA Accountability and Equity Act of 1997, and other civil rights measures. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

SECURING AMERICA'S FUTURE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Securing America's Future: Preparing the Nation for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich and Representatives Shuster, Boehner, Archer, Stark, Neumann, Kolbe, Sabo, Brown of California, and Minge; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACT REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Mismanagement of Performance-Based Contracting.

Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: John C. Layton, Inspector General; and Elizabeth Anne Moler, Deputy Secretary; and public witnesses.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and GAO report CPSC: Better Data Needed to Help Identify and Analyze Potential Hazards. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Carlotta Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues; and Sarah Glavine, Senior Economist; and the following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Ann Brown, Chairman; Mary Sheila Gall and Thomas Hill Moore, both Commissioners.

PATIENT ACCESS TO RESPONSIBLE CARE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 1415, Patient Access to Responsible Care Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Norwood and Miller of California; and public witnesses.

JOB CORPS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on “Job Corps Oversight: Recruitment and Placement Standards”. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Patricia A. Dalton, Deputy Inspector General; and Mary H. Silva, National Director, Job Corps; Cornelia Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

CONDEMNING INTERVENTION BY ANGOLA INTO CONGO

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action H. Res. 273, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.J. Res. 91, amended, granting the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 92, amended, granting the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 95, granting the